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Prior Application of : M. TAKAHASHI, et al.

Serial No. : 09/882,252

Filing Date : June 18, 2001

Examiner : C. Anderson

Art Unit : 3761

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) PURSUANT TO
35 U.S.C. 132 AND 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
ATTENTION: BOX CPA

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, of application

Serial No.: 09/882,252

filed on: June 18, 2001

entitled: Multiple Continuous Type Liquid Waste Disposal Apparatus

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There has been no payment of issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings in the above-identified prior application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. ☒ Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on August 28, 2003, but unentered.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

The following items are enclosed:

1. ☒ Amendment/Reply
2. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is required)

FEES:

The filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e), as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

The total amount due for the filing fee in this case is:

Basic filing fee.	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Total Claims: 6 - 20 = 0 (No. extra)	
Total Claims in excess of 20 = <u>-0-</u> @ \$18 each.	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total No. Independent Claims: 2- 3 = 0 (No. extra)	
Total Independent Claims in excess of 3 = <u>0</u> @ \$80 each	<u>\$ -0-</u>
<u> </u> Multiple dependency Claims @ \$280.	<u>\$ -0-</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
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Entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	<u>\$ 375.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL DUE

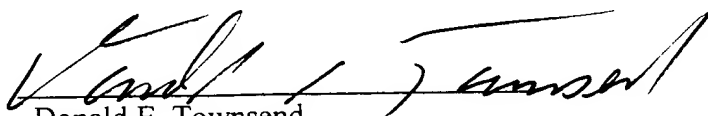
\$ 375.00

- ☒ PAYMENT is included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check in the amount of \$ 375.00.
- ☒ AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NUMBER 20-1424
Authorization is hereby given to the Commissioner of Patents to charge Deposit account Number 20-1424 for any fees due in this application which have not been included in the payment enclosed.
- ☒ The applicant hereby requests an extension of time for any extension required by the Commissioner for any reason or to maintain this application in good standing before the Patent Office.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$ to the credit card identified in the attached Credit Card Payment Form.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications or a prior application if the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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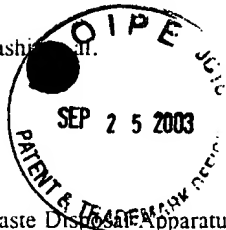
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TRANSMITTED HERewith IS AN ☐ AMENDMENT, ☐ REPLY, ☒ AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

☒ No additional fee is required.

THE FEE HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS SHOWN BELOW:

CLAIMS	REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGH.# PREV. PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE ADD'L FEE	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY RATE ADD'L FEE
TOTAL	6	MINUS	20	= 0	X9=\$	X18=\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	X42=\$	X84=\$0

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	TOTAL ADD'L FEE		-0-

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1424. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

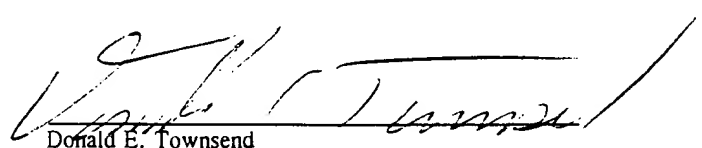
- ☒ Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
☒ Any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

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Date: August 28, 2003

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AMENDMENT

NON-FEE Amendment
Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

Responsive to the official final Office Action mailed March 28, 2003, (the time for which having been extended by virtue of a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and requisite fee filed herewith), in the matter of the above-identified application, please amend the same as follows: